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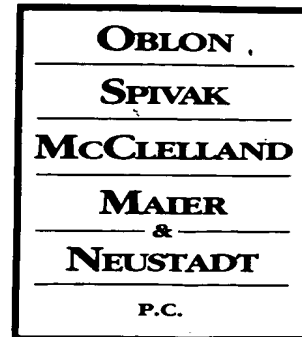


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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 5, in the paragraph beginning at line 22 through page 6, line 8, please replace as follows:

A laminate relating to claim 1 of the present invention features a laminate comprising a metal layer which is formed on and covers the surface of an insulating activated by the plasma treatment by any method selected from a sputtering method, a vacuum depositing method and an ion plating method, wherein the substrate is obtained by molding a resin composition containing 20 to 150 parts by mass of a fibrous filler having an average fiber diameter of 0.1 to 5 μm and an average fiber length of 10 to 50 μm relative to 100 parts by mass of a base resin comprising a thermoplastic resin and a thermosetting resin, and